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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

February 26, 2009

To: Docket Control

RE: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. - Customer Comments
Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0608

Please docket the attached 83 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed rate case.

Customer comments can be reviewed in E-docket under the above docket number.

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WS-03478A-08-0608

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Investigator: Al Amezcua

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion **No.** 2009 - 77023

Date: 2/26/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: **First:** Ronald **Last:** Reeder

Account Name: Ronald & Blanche Reeder

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 85367

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: Roxanne Fiddes

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 4:18 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Fwd: Farwest Sewer Rate Increase Request

February 23, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix AZ 85007

E-Mail Address: mailmaster@azcc.gov

Re;
Docket for Comment: Proposed Emergency Application for Interim Rates and Changes (Expedited Action Requested) Far West Water & Sewer
Case or Utility Name: Far West Water and Sewer Company, Yuma, Arizona
Docket #WS-03478A-08-0608
Position on the Docket: Con

Farwest Water and Sewer Company is trying to expedite a rate change by requesting an interim rate increase. This increase comes to over 100% of the existing rate of \$21.75 per month charged each month of the year whether the consumer is using his or her property and the services of Farwest Water and Sewer Company for twelve months, six months or even only one month per year.

It is not unreasonable to expect a company to make a profit, but it unreasonable to allow a company to gouge its

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customers in order to do so. In assessing whether or not to allow this interim sewer rate increase, particularly one so outrageous, it should be remembered that the potential "insolvency" problem described in their request is the result of the business practices of Farwest Water and Sewer and not the current customers.

The current customers purchased their properties, a good percentage of them originating from the development company, also under the same ownership as the water and sewer company, expecting that the company had installed a fully functional sewer system. This was not the case, as determinations made by the ADEQ have proven. It should not be the responsibility of the consumer, who in good faith purchased property expecting a fully operational system, to finance the errors made by the company.

Sincerely,

Ronald and Blanche Reeder


End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

2/26/09 The following was emailed to the customer
February 26, 2009

RE: FAR WEST WATER & SEWER COMPANY

Dear Water Customer:

Your email regarding the Far West Water & Sewer ("Far West") rate case will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to be made part of the record. The Commission will consider your comments before a decision is rendered in the Far West application.

The concerns raised in letters received from customers will assist the Commission in the investigation and review of the rate application. The Commission's independent analysis of the utility and its rate request attempts to balance the interest of the utility and its customers.

Commission Staff is very sensitive to the burden that high utility rates can place on the consumer, and though constitutionally required to allow a fair return to the utility, does everything within its authority to protect the consumer.

Staff appreciates your comments and the interest taken on the proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

Alfonso Amezcua
Public Utilities Consumer Analyst II
Utilities Division
End of Comments

Date Completed: 2/26/2009

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12644 E 45 Dr Yuma, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-502-2282
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS N/A	

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I am a winter visitor to the foothills where I own a house. I am retired on a fixed income. The only water I use the rest of the year is to keep my trees and flowers alive. This water does not enter the sewage system and I don't use any other water. I think it is totally unfair to be charged for sewage at a fixed rate when I'm not here from Apr to Nov.

Sewage should be charged based on the amount of water used, as is done in KANSAS where I live the rest of the year.

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13405 E. 54TH DRIVE, YUMA AZ	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928 342-7747
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12696 E 4TH Dr Yuma AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 971 409 3438
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YOUR NAME <i>Stewart Reynaud</i>	DATE <i>2/24/09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11651 So DAWN DR YUMA AZ</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>425-501-5503</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12614 E 47th Ave, Yuma AZ 85637	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-349-3688
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 14552 - E 52nd ST Yuma AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (209) 403-3446
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Interm Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

WE OWN THE ABOVE PROPERTY - which we have been TRYING TO SELL FOR ^A YEARS TO NO AVAL. Many prospective buyers ASK IF WE ARE ON SEPTIC OR SEWER. Sewer IS AVAILABLE but WE HAVE NOT STARTED SERVICE BECAUSE WE CANT AFFORD TO PAY FOR SERVICES NOT RENDERED ON TOP OF THE LOSS OF INCOME. IT IS NOT TO A buyers advantage to own INVESTMENT property IN THE FOOTHILLS.

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FAR WEST CHARGES \$25EA TIME TO START & STOP SERVICE & THEN CONTINUES TO CHARGE US FOR SEWER FOR THE 12 months we are NOT HERE, they do absolutely nothing during this time, AFTER ALL we were charged to take us out of the system. With all the part-time property owners what do they do with all this money? If they are so broke why do they keep developing their properties? This seems to be a conflict of interest & mismanagement of funds. They need to learn to run this business more effective & efficiently. FOOTHILLS CANT AFFORD THIS INCREASE IT WILL JUST CAUSE MORE people to leave the AREA & go elsewhere & IT DOESNT ENCOURAGE new ownership or business. WE FEEL THIS INCREASE goes beyond REASONABLE!

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YOUR NAME <i>Ben Ingerson</i>	DATE <i>2-25-2009</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13703 E. 54th Dr Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>BENJANINIC@AOL.COM</i>	

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ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

No way does a customer of far West water expect to pay this kind of increase its a shock to most Homeowners, please don't let this happen.

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<p><i>Please do not let this increase happen you might expect 100% over a period of years not all at once.</i></p> <p><i>Concerned Homeowner</i></p>
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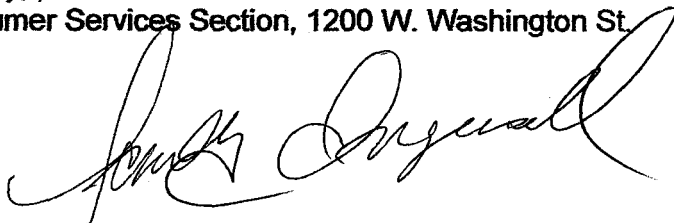
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YOUR NAME <i>DORNA M SEMLER</i>	DATE <i>2-25-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>24747 2000 SHELIA AVE YUMA ARIZONA 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>425-422-4844</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Request for an Emergency Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11675 S DAWN DR.</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>907-321-0190</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12601 E 47th St. Yuma AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 1-541-941-6752
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12677 E 47TH DR YUMA AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-342-0858
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12534 E. 45TH DRIVE YUMA, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-305-1979
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS PFD 0105@AOL.Com	

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February 19, 2009

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Re:

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Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. Jerry F Zak



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YOUR NAME <i>Vicki Tyler</i>	DATE <i>2/25/09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13630 E 55th Dr, Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>(928) 342-2996</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Request for an Emergency Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13228 E 36 PLACE, Yuma, AZ. 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-305-2931
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11534 S. Dawn Dr. Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>(928) 305-6601</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12757 S. SHEILA AVE YUMA AZ</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928 3454430</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 12675 E. 47th St Yuma, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 253-6775452
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12619 E 47th St</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>509-680-4869</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>3426 S. Puerta Del Sol Ave, Yuma, AZ 85365</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>360-970-2508</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Proposed Rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer	DOCKET NUMBER <i>0608</i> WS-03478A-08-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma Arizona	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 17025 E. Interurban Blvd. Snohomish WA	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (425) 483-1993
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: WS-03478A-08-0608 "Emergency Rate Increase"	DOCKET NUMBER 11
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS drmorganjr@hotmail.com	

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An application has been filed with you from "Far West Water & Sewer Co." for an increase of 214.8% in annual revenue. This increase is totally out of line. They want us, the customers to subsidize their own private bill out. They are still relying on you to approve it. We are counting on your Commission to put a stop to the outrageous attempt at gouging. This is a vacation property for us and therefore we find it totally unacceptable to all those who live in the Foothills. This increase would put a huge hardship on us, especially during this faltering economy. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration in this matter.

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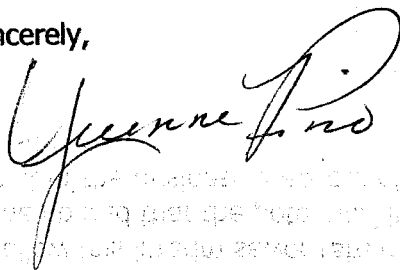
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Proposed Rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer 928 342 3950	
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>9652 E 35th Rd Yuma AZ 85365</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-601-9234</i>
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<i>I believe this is a lot higher than inflation is now. I protest this raise,</i>
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YOUR NAME LAWRENCE G. UNGER	DATE FEB. 25, '09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13869- E. 50TH ST, YUMA, AZ, 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 342-7226
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: UTILITIES DIVISION (RATE INCREASE'S)	DOCKET NUMBER WS-034787-08-0608 WS-034787-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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I AM PROTECTING BOTH THESE RATE INCREASE'S FROM FAR WEST WATER & SEWER REQUEST. THESE INCREASE'S ARE RIDICULOUS AND OUT OF LINE FOR ANY COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY ARE MOSTLY FIX INCOME AND LOW INCOME PROPERTY OWNER'S.

THANK YOU, Lawrence Unger

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To whom it may concern :

The recent requests made by Far West Water & Sewer Co. for outrageous rate increases is further evidence that this service should be provided by a local government, possibly Yuma County, as a public utility. The Foothills Area may have to be incorporated to do this, but whatever, it is time. Most public utilities pay for things like sewer upgrades by using bonds, loans, etc., not by gouging their customers up front to pay for a specific project. In recent years there have been management mistakes (i.e. not gas-freeing a tank prior to repairs) by this company that has to be part of the problem. If the subject rate increases are approved it is my belief that the development and economy in the Foothills Area will be severely impaired.

Charles Davison
14462 E. 53rd Dr.
Yuma, AZ 85367
928-345-2658

Emergency Doc # WS-03478A-08-0608

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YOUR NAME <i>DARREL E. MORRISON</i>	DATE <i>Feb 23, 09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13761 E 50th DR YUMA, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-1178</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: 	DOCKET NUMBER <i>0608</i> <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water & Sewer</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>NA</i>	

ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

We are outraged at the proposed increase in rates being proposed by Far West, we are living on a fixed income, and simply cannot afford to pay for the increase. If Far West proceeds with the increase, we will be forced to sell out and move away -

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When we purchased our property in 1994 we did not have to pay for sewer when we were not using it - or water - now Far West are charging us for the sewer 12 months a year when we only use it for 5 months - we had to pay for the sewer system of our subdivision then - so now we should not have to pay for sewers in these new subdivisions now! Do to the inadequate management and greed of the far west owners -

Sincerely

Darrel C. Morrison

lora M. Morrison

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YOUR NAME Bill Parman	DATE 2/23/2009
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13293 E. 54th Dr. Yuma, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 305-9583
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Emergency Rate Increase (110%)	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Co.	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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Here again, as in the 241% rate increase (WS-03478A-08-0454) proposal, we the users of Far West Water and Sewer (FWWS) are being asked for rate increases far in excess of other similar sewer providers.

How could things get so desperate so fast? I feel like a lack of planning on the part of FWWS has been transformed into an Emergency on our part. Even a few rumors of bankruptcy are starting to surface. Was a contingency plan in place? Was a non performance bond required by the original permitting authority? Some of the recent activities in the nation's capital seem to be spilling over into Yuma, AZ.

Perhaps the Arizona Corporate Commission can come up with a far fairer proposal, and please force FWWS to provide a better level of customer service.

Thank you,
Bill Parman

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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Far West request for emergency rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>85367</i> WS-03478A-08-0608
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My husband is retired and on a fixed income. Far West is forcing us to sell our home that we have saved for. The Snow Birds here in the foothills are paying for their poor business practices. It is outrageous to think they (Far West) can increase water & sewer 200% - No other utility has been allowed to do that.

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YOUR NAME DONALD + DIANA MOLINE	DATE 2/24/09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13850 E. 49th LN. YUMA, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 559-260-0137
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Far West request for emergency rate increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR WEST WATER + SEWER-YUMA	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS SUNCHASER10493@MSN.COM	

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E. Winter Residents currently flock to Yuma because of the weather, and because it is economically feasible to maintain a second home here. Winter residents increase Yuma's population each year by more than 80,000 people with the majority living in the Foothills. This population will be especially affected by this increase because for 6-8 months out of the year they pay for their sewer fees despite being unable to flush their toilets because they have returned to their primary residence.

F. Of the Year round Foothills residents there is still a large majority of Retirees living on a fixed income. Many more are the working class. If the proposed increase passes it would only succeed in further devastating the local economy. There are many folks who live paycheck to paycheck as it is. A fee increase as proposed could potentially force many people to sell or foreclose. With the housing market as it is today, this will only add to the declining economy.

In Conclusion

- We don't feel that Current customers should incur the costs necessary to cover a new Wastewater Plant needed to compensate for future growth. At most this cost should be absorbed by impact fees on the new lots being developed.
- We believe they have not suggested this because it would reduce the parent Company's building profits, in part due to the recession limiting the builder's inability to charge more than the market will bear.
- We further feel that this increase is also being requested as a direct result of negligence on the part of the Water Company, Farwest Water & Sewer. It appears as if they were negligent in poor planning to prevent numerous ADEQ violations.

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- We the customers of Farwest do not feel that is a cost that should be transferred to current customers.
- We feel that Far West Water and Sewer Co. should have maintained the current facilities as repeated violations were submitted since 1990 from ADEQ as well as the September 9, 2008, 49 page complaint in Maricopa County Superior Court in which 50 counts were filed against these companies for wastewater violations. In 2006 the plant finally came into compliance with ADEQ receiving permission to allow more hookups. Maintaining is what the company should have focused on, but instead they recently increased their lagoon by 300 percent.

THEREFORE, we feel that this enormous increase is not justified. We the current owners feel that the extra charges requested are to aid H&S Developers and Far West Water & Sewer in paying Settlements incurred due to a law suit and penalties owed to ADEQ for lack of safety. We also feel it is possible that Farwest is trying to offset the costs incurred by the parent Companies new development on 48th Street. Their lack of sales and poor investments are not our responsibility. Farwest and H&S Developers, for years should have been investing their revenues in maintaining the system they have in place. If that had been the case they would not be requesting this aid currently.

Other Cities in Arizona* have been investigated and it has been found that they have seen rate increases of 5-9.5%. A small percentage is acceptable and necessary, but 200+% IS NOT. We the customers cannot afford this increase. We hope you will consider our concerns and VOTE NAY on this application. Thank You!

Dated this 25th day of February, 2009

*Average Sewer Rates around Arizona:

Sierra Vista (Rate increase of 5% total initiated Jan. 1, 2009): \$14.68/month

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12553 E. 47TH ST., YUMA, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>217-369-0448</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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YOUR NAME <i>Benjamin F. Decker</i>	DATE <i>2-24-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13876 E 52nd DR YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-1573</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11639 S. Dawn Dr. Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928 342 2065</i>
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YOUR NAME Ron Wilson	DATE 2/23/2009
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Couple of years ago, Far West was cited for non-compliance to state Sewer regulations. As I understand it, they were told by your commission that they had to get into compliance before they could hook up any more new property to the sewer system. They are presently working on and selling property in a new development in spite of the commission directive. How can you let them get away with that? The money they have spent on the development should have been spent bring the sewer up to code. Now they are asking their customers to foot the bill for their arrogance. I donot think it is right that we should pay for their incompetence.

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THEREFORE, we feel that this enormous increase is not justified. We the current owners feel that the extra charges requested are to aid H&S Developers and Far West Water & Sewer in paying Settlements incurred due to a law suit and penalties owed to ADEQ for lack of safety. We also feel it is possible that Farwest is trying to offset the costs incurred by the parent Companies new development on 48th Street. Their lack of sales and poor investments are not our responsibility. Farwest and H&S Developers, for years should have been investing their revenues in maintaining the system they have in place. If that had been the case they would not be requesting this aid currently.

Other Cities in Arizona* have been investigated and it has been found that they have seen rate increases of 5-9.5%. A small percentage is acceptable and necessary, but 200+% IS NOT. We the customers cannot afford this increase. We hope you will consider our concerns and VOTE NAY on this application. Thank You!

Dated this *23rd day of Feb 09*

*Average Sewer Rates around Arizona:

Sierra Vista (Rate increase of 5% total initiated Jan. 1, 2009): \$14.68/month

Tucson: \$23.61/month Rate Increase of 9.5% initiated July 1, 2008

Phoenix: \$28.50/month Proposed Rate increase of 5%

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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Request for an Emergency Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water and Sewer Company</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>bdecker11@juno.com</i>	

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 14860 E. 51st Drive, Yuma, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (318) 789-0143
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Utilities Division	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer Co., Inc.	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ycazso@roadrunner.com	

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This is to voice my absolute opposition to a proposed "interim emergency rate increase" for the sewer utility services operated by Far West Water and Sewer Co., Inc. (Far West) in Yuma County. According to the company's application to the Commission, Far West seeks "immediate implementation of interim rates" that would raise an additional \$2.2-million over its 2007 revenues. It should be considered that this application for "emergency" rate relief follows by days a Far West application for a permanent 214.8% sewer rate hike that would by, the company's estimate, amount to \$4, 595,748 in new revenue.

In seeking the interim emergency rate increase, the Far West application filed with the Commission stated emphatically, "the threat of insolvency certainly constitutes an emergency...(and) the financial condition of the company is such that its ability to

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I find this entirely typical of the arrogance by this company in trying to jump on the bailout wagon by jamming its customers, already staggering under today's economic pressures, giving them less than a month to object and risk having those objections lost in a groundswell of anger and disgust over the original rate increase proposal. But then, as the general superintendent for Far West explained in an interview, “The company has taken the stand we are going to shoot for the top...” (Yuma Sun, 7/21/06) when the utility applied for a 35.2% rate increase.

Far West, in my opinion, needs reorganization alright but in the form of a better business model that includes competent planning and budgeting which would prevent over-extending its financial reach through speculative development by one of its family member companies; paying proper attention to environmental regulations so as not to allow itself to be saddled with a lawsuit filed by the state of Arizona for millions of dollars for “multiple and long-standing and repeated violations of wastewater, drinking water and air quality standards,” and adherence to basic safety regulations which might have prevented the deaths of two employees resulting in another \$1.7-million judgment plus restitution.

I, for one, find it unconscionable to consider Far West now seeks to burden its customers with having to financially cover for its own apparent lack of sound business practices. For the many of us in the Far West service area who live on minimum fixed incomes and who are witnessing ever-escalating costs for basic food and health care needs, the indifference being exhibited by the Far West “interim emergency rate increase” that amounts to a 109.6% jump in sewer rates is appallingly beyond reason.

I urge the Commission to put the brakes on this bailout train. Let Far West Water and Sewer Co., Inc. go through the normal process already in place and –just days ago– requested by this company for changing its rates. Alarmist rhetoric about “the financial condition of the company is such that its ability to maintain service pending a formal rate determination is in serious doubt,” in my opinion is designed to circumvent rules put in place in order to protect the residents of Arizona. In short, please don't allow Far West's sudden cry of desperation emotion run away with your intelligence.

February 19, 2009

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Docket #WS-03478A-08-0608

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Sincerely,



G. R. Schmid
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Yuma, AZ 85367

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>4577 E 36th St, Yuma, AZ 85365</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-0541</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Interm Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CON <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>capcanfly@msn.com</i>	

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I do not believe that your company's lawsuit settlements are the problem of your customers. Your company does not need to make all the money your company needs off 1 customer!

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12664-E 45th Dr. Yuma AZ - 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>253-569-8825</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 11279 S. Glenwood Ave. #252 Yuma, AZ 85367 <i>* LOT 430 1/2 SS. 14804 E. 51st St. Yuma</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-503-9329
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS Ueckak@windak.net	

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12542 E. 45th Lane Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-2131</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12725 E 47th ST Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-0299</i>
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Sincerely,

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Kara Phillips

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13209 S. Onammi Ave., Yuma, Arizona 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 305-1097
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS fraser2514@shaw.ca	

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We wish to advise you that we are against an emergency hike in sewer fees for Far West Water and Sewer Company. They should have thought of what was going to be involved before they kept opening up new subdivisions. Money from the sale of these lots should have been set aside for the future developments that they wished to do. Also they should be charging new lot owners in the cost of the lot for improvements and new construction for its waste water treatment system. This should not be a burden to permanent residents and winter visitors in the Foothills of Yuma who have owned their lots for many years. The sewer costs will be almost as much as our taxes on our lot. This is an absolute greed on the part of the owners of Far West Water and Sewer. I know of no other place that charges such exorbitant fees for sewer services. As seniors we are on a fixed income as well as many other seniors. This could cause many people to have to sell their lots/homes.

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With so many places for sale in the Foothills because of financial problems this will only cause more hardship and put the economy into dire straights.
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13292 E. 54th Dr. Yuma</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-350-2811</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Far West Water & Sewer Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
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<i>The rates are high enough! And why are the gas prices higher in the foothills?</i>

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12664 E 47th Ave, Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>305-9899</i>
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YOUR NAME Kenneth Flesher	DATE
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12620 E 47TH DR. YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-554-3379</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Interm Emergency Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0608</i>
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<i>WE STRONGLY PROTEST YOUR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE. WE ARE RETIRED AND SEASONAL RESIDENTS AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THESE INCREASES.</i>
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS rsanders@proaxis.com	

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Thank you.

Rosalie Sanders

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>CHagero4598@msn.com</i>	

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Rey Wanamaker
13590 E 55th Dr.
Yuma, AZ 85367

YOUR NAME <i>Ronald R. Wanamaker</i>	DATE <i>2-24-09</i>
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11654 S Dawn Dr.
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YOUR NAME <i>Allan M Spitzer</i>	DATE <i>2-24-09</i>
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*NEED TO STOP GREED (EXCESSIVE DESIRE FOR WEALTH)
PEOPLE ARE EITHER - WORKING WITH FAMILIES OR
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Sincerely, *Johnie W Schiemer*

*Home
Address 13318 E 53rd ST*

*Mailing
Address*



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The emergency rate increase of \$45. from \$21. seems excessive and a little suspicious to get that raise through in a short time. Why the hurry, are there finances in such bad straits? Maybe they need to sell some of their many real estate properties to cover their expenses, and new house development.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Curry

*13373 E 53rd St
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Mr John P Curry
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 11546 S DAWN DR YUMA AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 619-203-8813
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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YOUR NAME <i>Sharon K. Elmer</i> <i>Sharon K. Elmer</i> <i>Orville Elmer</i> <i>Orville Elmer</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13365 54TH Dr. Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-490-2264</i>
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YOUR NAME <i>D. L. Honzberger & Uconnia J.</i>	DATE <i>2-23-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11529- Sidewalk Dr. Yuma Az</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-0858</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>85367</i> Request for an Emergency Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
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YOUR NAME Carol Hager	DATE 2-23-09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13194 E. 55 Drive Yuma AZ. 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-345-4769
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: FARWEST WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0608
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FARWEST WATER & SEWER	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input checked="" type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS CHager04598@msn.com	

I am against this increase in the rates for many reasons. The economy, fixed retirement income in competence on far west water, too many to list. If these people have a faulty system needing repair it didn't happen over nite, they are in the wrong for neglecting the problem. Audit their books and see what is in there. NO NO NO

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YOUR NAME <i>Richard Lee & Charlotte Rockhill</i>	DATE <i>2-24-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11578 S. Glenwood Av. Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305 1227</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>14692 E 48TH DR YUMA AZ</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>345-0477</i>
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